ELECTION HANDBOOK

SPECIAL BOND ELECTIONS FOR

ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

UPLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUNE 6, 2000

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INTRODUCTION

These elections are taking place on a non-established election date, and are being conducted primarily with permanent ROV staff. SB 50, which took affect January 1,1999, allowed school districts to place a bond measure on the ballot on "any Tuesday". The ROV is required by law to conduct school elections, and the district insisted on this date. Costs to conduct the election are reimbursed by the school district(s).

ELECTION DATES/STATISTICS

Key Dates – See (Appendix 1) Election Calendar, distributed to Media. There will be no add-on counts. Canvass will be complete and election certified by June 20, 2000.

Key Statistics –

School districts	2
Measures	2
Ballot types	2
Total Registration	77,882
(Ont-Mont.)	45,077
(Upland)	32,805
Polling places	77
Poll Workers	249

Races on Ballot – Measure K (Upland) \$36 million; Measure L (Ontario-Montclair) \$75 million. See Appendix 2 for sample ballot pages.

Turnout – The Registrar of Voters does not predict turnout. For historical data see Appendix 3.

SUMMARY OF ELECTION PROCESS

Ballot Access – The ROV receives measures (including analyses, tax rate statements, arguments and rebuttals) for school districts.

Order of candidates/measures – Measures are given letters in alphabetical order, beginning with the next letter after the last measure in a previous election, in accordance with County policy.

Registering to Vote – Last day to register was May 8, 2000. No late hours or special arrangements were made.

Working with Media –A general calendar of all upcoming elections was sent to media sources several weeks in advance. No on site media is expected on election night.

Exit Polls - none.

Voting Material – the district's names appeared on the top of the sample ballot pamphlets. Printed by Merrill, mailed by Diversified. Early close mailing began April 28, 2000; 29-day close mailing began May 18, 2000. No mailing problems observed. Mailed with non-profit status. Ballot cards provided by Election Systems & Software. Ballots are long stubs, round holes for absentee and rectangular holes for polls. Color = Blue; Design = California State Seal. Nineteen 60-Day paper ballots were mailed to overseas or military voters.

Establishing Polling Places/Polls Publication – 77 polling places. Owner receives \$50. Fifty-two polling places were donated free of charge. There are 7 double polls. The listing of polling places and poll workers will be published on May 27th in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin.

Polling Place Supplies – PollStar system – 462 booths and voting devices, plus one booth for disabled. All supplies were distributed at training classes on June 1st and June 2nd. Due to size of this election, rosters and indexes were printed the day before distribution, which permitted computer to designate absentees and include late but eligibles – thus eliminating a second mailing to Inspectors.

Recruiting and Training Poll Workers – 249 poll workers were recruited. 29 are bilingual. Inspectors earn \$100 and clerks earn \$65 plus additional \$15 for attending Inspector training class. Training was conducted at the Registrar of Voters office.

Student Poll Workers - None.

Election Day/Night Assistance to Poll Workers – There are 7 Troubleshooters, using rental vehicles supplied by Budget and cellular phones and pagers rented from Shared Technologies Cellular and Nationwide Communications. There are 4 operators staffing the Inspector Hotline.

Voting by Mail/absentee – Applications to receive a mailed absentee ballot are accepted through May 30th. From May 31st through election day, voters may vote an emergency ballot, which requires pick up at the ROV and hand delivery to a polling place or to the ROV office before the polls close. No early voting (Saturday) was conducted for this election. Both schools conducted absentee campaigns using their own application.

Assistance to the Public – Information on the election, results, absentee applications, and polls look up is on the Internet at: http://www.sbcrov.com. The automated phone system has been updated for this election. No additional staffing is required. 8 Microfiche of polling place locations will be produced for this election and distributed to 3 city clerks and 5 in-house.

Election Night Ballot/Supply Retrieval- Absentee ballots received by 8:00 p.m. on election day at the Redlands (main) post office, will be picked up by ROV staff shortly after polls close, for processing during canvass. There will be 2 collection centers staffed by 10 workers. There will be no early returns. No assistance is required from the Sheriff's department. Communication will be through from Shared Technologies Cellular and Nationwide Communications.

Ballot Counting Locations – All ballots will be counted at ROV office.

Student Volunteer Workers – There are no student volunteers at the tally center for this election.

How Ballots are Counted – Ballots will be counted on one PC system using three cardreaders. However, the second system will be tested and ready in the event of problems. Observer Panel (2 members of Grand Jury) will observe Logic and Accuracy test at approximately 7:00 p.m. and absentee cards will be processed immediately following tests. When all ballots have been counted election night, the Observer Panel will then witness a final Logic and Accuracy test on the ROV system. The number of outstanding ballots (absentee and provisionals turned in at polls) will be given out on final bulletin.

Availability of Election Results – there will be no sampling of turnout during the day and there are no Key Precincts. Election result bulletins will be printed and distributed following each portion of the count and also updated on the Internet. Results will be available by phone up until 15 minutes after final bulletin.

Additional Ballot Counting – no add on counts will be conducted for this election due to the size. Any additional ballots will be processed during the normal canvass procedure.

Certifying the Election - When the canvass is complete the official results will be prepared, certified and sent to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. This will take place on June 20, 2000. The Statement of Results and Voting History will be available this same day.

What it Takes to Win – Both bond measures require a two-thirds vote.

Dispute of Election Results – Requests for recount may be submitted within five days <u>after</u> the completion of the official canvass. Requestor must pay estimated cost of recount in advance. The California Elections Code outlines the process for filing an election contest. Filing deadlines vary.

APPENDIX

- 1. Calendar
- 2. Sample Ballot Measure pages
- 3. Voter History Chart
- 4. Election Results Information Sheet & Bulletin
- 5. 29-Day Close of Registration

1 CALENDAR

EVENTS	ELECTION DATES						
	JUNE 6	NOVEMBER 7					
Candidate Filing (-113 to –88)	Feb 14 - Mar 10	Jul 17 – Aug 11					
Last Day to Call Special Election (Cities, Schools, & Districts) (-88)	Mar 10	Aug 11					
Last Date to Withdraw Election Item (-83)	Mar 15	Aug 16					
Last Day to File Arguments In Favor or Against Measures (-81)	Mar 17	Aug 18					
Last Day to File Rebuttal Arguments In Favor or Against Measures (-74)	Mar 25	Aug 25					
Commence Mailing 60 Day Ballots (-60)	Apr 7	Sep 8					
45 Day Close of Registration (-45)	Apr 24	Sep 23					
Commence Mailing Sample Ballots (-40)	Apr 27	Sep 28					
29 Day Close of Registration (-29)	May 8	Oct 10*					
Absentee Voting Period Begins (-29)	May 8	Oct 10*					
Commence Mailing 29 Day Close Sample Ballots (–29)	May 8	Oct 10*					
Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot (-7)	May 30	Oct 31					
Emergency Voting Begins in ROV Office (-6) & Ends When Polls Close	May 31	Nov 1					
Add On Count (if scheduled)	N/A	Nov 15					
Date Scheduled for Election Certification		Nov 27					

^{*} Adjusted for holidays and/or weekends

2 SAMPLE BALLOT MEASURE PAGES

UPLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL BALLOT

County of San Bernardino

Special Bond Election June 6, 2000

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

SCHOOL

UPLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

To repair, upgrade and make improvements to all Upland Unified School District schools and qualify for \$36 million in state funds, shall Upland Unified School District repair/replace aging roofs and plumbing, provide additional computer and science labs, construct multi-use/cafeteria rooms, upgrade/install air			
conditioning, upgrade fire alarms, bring schools into compliance with current build- ing safety/health codes, by issuing \$36 million of bonds at interest rates below legal limits, with annual audits and citizen oversight?	BONI	os O	

YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED VOTING

ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL BALLOT County of San Bernardino	
·	une 6, 2000
MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	
SCHOOL	
ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOND ELECTION	
To repair and renovate every school in the Ontario-Montclair School District, make the District eligible for State matching funds, replace deteriorating facilities to eliminate student safety hazards, upgrade libraries throughout the	BONDS YES O
District, build and acquire new classrooms and facilities to reduce overcrowding, and rewire classrooms for modern computer technology shall the District issue \$75 million of bonds at interest rates below the legal limit with spending annually independently audited?	BONDS NO O
YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED VOTING	

3 VOTER HISTORY CHART

ELECTION	ELECTION	REG	TOTAL	% OF	ABSENTEE	ABSENTEE	% OF AV	AV % OF
TITLE	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VOTERS</u>	<u>VOTERS</u>	<u>TURNOUT</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>VOTED</u>	<u>VOTED</u>	TOT VOTED
Consolidated	11/5/85	468,265	80,825	17.26	12,265	5,323	43.40	6.59
Primary	6/3/86	453,821	162,622	35.83	23,841	13,846	58.08	8.51
General	11/4/86	478,552	265,373	55.45	29,734	21,898	73.65	8.25
Consolidated	11/3/87	470,950	104,958	22.29	23,265	12,450	53.51	11.86
Primary	6/7/88	495,401	224,919	45.40	26,794	18,847	70.34	8.38
General	11/8/88	571,775	400,176	69.99	50,341	39,288	78.04	9.82
Special Election	6/6/89	110,211	8,764	7.95	5,297	3,044	57.47	34.73
Consolidated	11/7/89	562,579	122,333	21.75	26,269	14,751	56.15	12.06
Primary	6/5/90	552,421	192,995	34.94	33,362	20,596	61.73	10.67
General	11/6/90	602,428	309,365	51.35	80,297	52,054	64.83	16.83
Consolidated	6/4/91	424,720	45,340	10.68	18,179	12,209	67.16	26.93
Consolidated	11/5/91	552,328	91,211	16.51	30,680	17,082	55.68	18.73
Primary	6/2/92	616,722	239,981	38.91	52,068	35,664	68.50	14.86
General	11/3/92	682,980	482,162	70.60	85,528	71,148	83.19	14.76
Spec Consol	6/8/93	683,434	118,609	17.35	44,545	28,449	63.87	23.99
Consolidated	11/2/93	675,396	198,545	29.40	56,498	36,965	65.43	18.62
Primary	6/7/94	655,363	183,348	27.98	50,632	34,526	68.19	18.83
General	11/8/94	674,684	362,524	53.73	82,675	67,417	81.54	18.60
Consolidated	6/6/95	28,092	7,884	28.06	2952	2333	79.03	29.59
Consolidated	11/7/95	676,379	111,432	16.47	49,117	27,519	56.03	24.70
Primary	3/26/96	681,952	237,847	34.88	71,880	52,565	73.13	22.10
Special	6/4/96	25,898	2,999	11.58	1,508	967	64.12	32.24
General	11/5/96	742,975	424,850	57.18	92,118	76,865	83.44	18.09
Special	3/4/97	55,871	10,670	19.10	3,651	2,736	74.94	25.64
Consolidated	6/3/97	82,350	15,140	18.38	6,930	4,412	63.67	29.14
Consolidated	11/4/97	617,695	104,952	16.90	46,684	26,633	57.05	25.38
Special	2/3/98	62,674	13,862	22.10	4,497	3,050	67.82	22.00
Special	4/14/98	109,056	10,819	9.90	5,880	3,621	61.58	33.47
Primary	6/2/98	625,384	224,981	35.90	73,168	51,575	70.49	22.92
Special	8/4/98	2,609	421	16.10	730	191	26.16	45.37
General	11/3/98	664,022	342,735	51.60	92,328	72,728	78.77	21.22
Special	2/2/99	8,490	891	10.49	413	310	75.06	34.79
Special	3/2/99	83,737	11,787	14.08	7,749	4,278	55.21	36.29

ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT UPLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOND ELECTIONS

JUNE 6, 2000

ELECTION	ELECTION	REG	TOTAL	% OF	ABSENTEE	ABSENTEE	% OF AV	AV % OF
TITLE	DATE	VOTERS	VOTERS	TURNOUT	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>VOTED</u>	VOTED	TOT VOTED
Special	3/30/99	1,019	444	43.50	134	67	50.00	15.09
Special	5/18/99	11,588	2,207	19.00	1,082	799	73.84	36.20
Consolidated	6/8/99	64,595	13,290	20.50	4,932	3,708	75.18	27.90
Special	9/14/99	38,699	5,450	14.00	2,476	1,746	70.52	32.04
42 nd Cong. Prim	9/21/99	244,018	39,526	16.01	17,649	12,670	71.79	32.05
Consolidated	11/02/99	660,667	101,782	15.40	49,670	29,731	59.86	29.21
42 nd Cong. Gen	11/16/99	247,622	48,092	19.40	26,386	16,109	61.05	33.50
32 nd Sen Prim	1/11/00	244,968	38,757	15.80	17,757	13,456	75078	34.72
Presidential Prim	3/7/00	636,923	316,916	49.70	85,302	68,642	80.47	21.66
Rim-Special Bond	4/4/00	16,228	3,691	22.74	1,319	988	74.91	26.77
CSA 70 Spec Elec	4/11/00	84			84	40	47.62	
(Mail Ballot)								
RC Spec Bond	5/9/00	58,311	11,967	20.50	4,561	3,659	80.22	30.57

4 Election Results Information Sheet

2.1 When and Where Are Results Available?

Results are available at the Registrar of Voters office in San Bernardino.

Results are also available on the Internet at:

http://www.sbcrov.com

The first Summary Report will be released shortly after 8:00 p.m. This report will contain absentee/mail ballot results **only**. The voting precinct totals will be added to the absentee/mail ballot totals as soon as they arrive at the counting site.

2.2 Explanation of Bulletin Format

- A. Reports are sequentially numbered. Date and time appear in the upper right-hand corner.
- B. Reports will contain votes cast within San Bernardino County.
- C. District name appears only when a contest is counted by a specific district (not County or statewide).
- D. (#/PCT ___) = Number of voting precincts for this election/race. (This number does not change.)
- E. (#/RPT ___) = Number of precincts reporting at time report was created. This number will increase as precincts are counted.
- F. (%/RP) = Percentage of precincts that have reported at time report was created. (This number will increase as precincts are counted up to 100%.)
- G. Measures always list results with "Yes" first. Note: If a measure requires more than a majority vote, "2/3" appears next to the measure.
- H. The number of votes received along with the percentage of all the <u>votes cast</u> for that measure appears to the right of each yes + no.

Registration/Turnout

The last *semi-official report* election night will contain pages of statistics showing registration/turnout numbers and percentage. Turnout represents the <u>ballots cast</u>.

NOTE: There is a difference between ballots cast and votes cast. A voter may undervote his/her ballot (i.e. skip any of the races/measures) or may overvote (i.e. vote for the YES and NO on a measure) which voids the vote cast on that one measure alone.)

Absentee Totals

San Bernardino County counts absentee totals by precinct so that it is possible to see how all voters in a precinct voted. This level of detail is available only on the Statement of Votes Cast.

2.3 When Will the Count Be Completed?

The count will be finished Election night -- after all precincts report. However, the count is not considered complete until the election is certified following the canvass.

2.4 Availability of Election Results

Official <u>Summary</u> results and individual <u>precinct</u> results will be available the day the election is certified. The election is scheduled for certification on June 20, 2000.

2.5 What is the Official Canvass?

State law requires an official canvass (audit of the election). This entails numerous manual processes that verify the accuracy of the computer count, including a hand tally of ballots cast in 1% of the precincts. When complete, election results are certified to the various jurisdictions, which then declare the winners.

2.6 Election Definitions

- **NPP** No polling place was assigned because there were fewer than 250 registered voters. These voters are "declared" absentees.
- **Requested AV** Voters who choose to vote by absentee/mail ballot instead of going to the polls.
- **Provisional Ballot** Voted at polls when a voter's registration is in question. These ballots are sealed in an envelope for later verification at Registrar's office.
- Write-in Ballot When a voter chooses to manually write-in a vote for a candidate(s) not printed on the ballot. The entire ballot is set aside to be counted after the validity of the write-in vote is determined.
- **Unofficial Results/Semi-official** All election results issued prior to completion of the official canvass.
- Official Results Final election tabulation is issued after completion of the official canvass and the Registrar of Voters certifies results.

Official Canvass - A detailed audit of the election. The law allows 28 days to complete this process.

4 29-DAY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

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